

RECRUIT REVIEW



VERBAL JUDO By: Ruth Ellestad

Verbal judo is a skill that is an asset to any and all police officers. During Wednesday and Thursday of our first week, the second Police Corps class was joined by Captain Bob Ber-iter, an instructor of verbal judo, and taught many of its important aspects. Being well versed in verbal judo means an officer has been taught, learned, and continues to practice the art of communication.

The first main idea we learned is that the goal of law enforcement is to generate voluntary compliance. 97% of the problems police officers encounter are solved with presence and with words, and this is

where verbal judo comes into the picture. Verbal judo allows an officer to ask professional questions and avoid asking personal questions, which can lead the questioning in the wrong direction. Through maintaining a professional position, the officer is assured that he/she is not violating their department's policies and procedures.

During the two-day study of verbal judo our class learned that it will take a lot of practice and hard work to become proficient in this skill. However, good communication is the lifeline for any police officer. Verbal judo will benefit us ten-fold in the future.



Accountability
Integrity
Respect
Teamwork
Professionalism

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"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved"
Helen Keller

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RECRUITS MOVE IN! By: Vance Henning

On June 16th the second class of Police Corps recruits moved in. After receiving equipment, the recruits enjoyed orientation from Sergeant Hefti, Sergeant DeFrang, Mr. Sacia, and Lieutenant Neuman.

The recruits were assigned roommates, duties, and other responsibilities for the start of their law enforcement training.

They received little rest beginning with a PT instructions and a PT test early

Monday morning. Mixed with classroom lectures and discussions, the recruits got a small taste of what the Police Corps Program is like.

ROLES OF POLICE IN A FREE SOCIETY

By: Jeff Schilling

On Tuesday afternoon our recruit class was lead in a discussion by Lt. Neuman regarding the "Role of Police in Free Society" and the "Core Values" of the Police Corps recruits. Lt. Neuman lead off the group discussion by going around the room and asking individual recruits their opinions on the topic of the "Role of Police in Free Society". The class came up with several ideas regarding the police officer's ability to protect and serve, their role in crime prevention, and how the police seek voluntary compliance from society.

The next major topic that was discussed was the "Core Values" of the Police Corps.

In this discussion the class identified what the Core Values were and gave their opinion of what each one meant. The first Core Value that was discussed was accountability. Accountability was seen as being responsible for your actions/decisions regardless if they are good or bad. The next Core Value was integrity; this was defined by the class as the image you project on others and the actions you perform in the presence of others. Respect was the next value on the list and the class believed that actions speak louder then words and that respect must be earned, not given. The final two values

are teamwork and professionalism. The class found teamwork to be working together to achieve common goals, while we felt that professionalism was the ability to perform at a higher standard of proper conduct. During the class discussion Lt. Neuman invited several recruits to lead the class in discussion to hone their communication and leadership skills.

Challenge Academy

By: Vance Henning

The Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy is one of the best things that could ever happen to some struggling teenagers. On Wednesday, June 18th, Col. M. MacLaren, head of the Challenge Academy, explained to our class the history, purpose, and success of the academy. The Office of Juvenile Justice (OSDOJ) has studies which prove that truancy is an early predictor of future delinquency and criminal activity. Redirecting

these paths to delinquency is one way law enforcement is learning to stop crime.

The purpose of the Challenge Academy is to help children before it's too late. Their purpose is to enhance life skills and provide employment potential for at risk youth that aren't attending school. The children will learn the importance of school and the skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens.

With the Police Corps focusing on community policing, there's no better place to start then at the Challenge Academy. Throughout the next 21 weeks, recruits will be working with at risk youth through their stay at the National Guard Challenge Academy.

INTRO TO REPORT WRITING

By: William McCormick

Week One of the second Wisconsin Police Corps class has been a week full of activity. This activity fell into both mental and physical categories.

One of the weeks activities was report writing. As police officers we will be spending 50% of our time writing reports. That alone signifies the importance of being able to properly complete a police report. One of

the purposes of police report writing is professional survival. Professional survival is described as maintaining good reports for courtroom proceedings and credibility.

Additional purposes for effective report writing would include; protecting yourself and your agency from liability, putting the "bad guy" in jail, and protecting the "good guy". We are looking forward to learning

more about report writing and gaining a greater understanding of how to write effective police reports in the upcoming weeks.

